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SUBJECT: NO DUTCH RESERVATIONS ON EU LISTING OF TAMIL TIGERS

REF: A. SECSTATE 66523

[1](#)B. THE HAGUE 02575

Classified By: ECONOMIC COUNSELOR RICHARD HUFF, FOR REASONS 1.4(B) AND (D)

[1](#)1. (U) Econoff met April 28 with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) official Joost van Ettore, Policy Officer, Terrorism and New Threats Unit, Political Affairs Department to deliver reftel A. points urging the immediate EU listing of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) as a terrorist organization.

[1](#)2. (C) Van Ettore noted that the Dutch had already removed their reservations on the LTTE listing per reftel B. He also said that he was afraid the level of violence had escalated since December. However, he said that other EU members, notably in Scandinavia, were politically hesitant. They fear that the listing would hamper the peace process. When pressed, van Ettore would not specify which countries held such reservations.

[1](#)3. (C) Van Ettore said that the EU Clearinghouse, the formal mechanism for making the designation, had not yet opened or scheduled a listing discussion. He also noted that the Southeast Asia Working Group is to have a discussion about the level of violence in Sri Lanka, but that this discussion was not to address a LTTE listing. Econoff stressed the urgency of a listing, but van Ettore responded that the GONL would not take unilateral action and instead work toward this within the existing multilateral mechanism.

[1](#)4. (C) Econoff delivered reftel points separately on May 2 to Ministry of Finance (MOF) Official Eric Ligthart, Deputy Director, Financial Integrity Unit. Ligthart was not aware of the issue and said that he would investigate it, but did not note any reservations to reftel A. points. Econoff scheduled a follow-up meeting with MOF for the week of May 8.
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